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CMARP DELTA LEVEES WORK TEAM SEPTEMBER 11, 1998

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Room 1147-C-1, The Resources Building

AGENDA

Expected Outcomes:

Review draft team product

Develop and Refine CMARP monitoring sections

Write linkages section

Introductions

Product Overview and Review of Product Outline- Kent Nelson/Gwen Knittweis, Team

Presentation of Levee Cross Section Compliance Monitoring Element- Curt Schmutte

Refine Environmental Monitoring Component-Team

Presentation of Revised Seismic Monitoring Element- Mike Driller

Discuss ideas for Linkages Section- Team

Discussion of Needs for Inventory of Existing Monitoring Programs- Team

Discussion of Next Meeting Date and Agenda

Draft Meeting Notes CMARP DELTA LEVEES WORK TEAM MEETING August 26, 1998 at 9:00 am in Rm. 653 of the Resources Building

Attendance List:

Lori Clamurro, Delta Protection Commission
Mike Driller, DWR Engineering
Chuck Howard, USBR
Marti Ikehara, US Geological Survey
Robert Kayen, US Geological Survey
Gwen Knittweis, CALFED
Gil LaBrie, D&C Engineering
Jim Martin, DWR Central District
Art McGarr, US Geological Survey
Kent Nelson, DWR ESO
Chris Neudeck, Kjeldsen, Sinnock, and Neudeck, Inc.
Michael Ramsbotham, Corps of Engineers/CALFED Bay-Delta Program
Jeanne Schallberger, DWR Executive

The Team reviewed the 4/14/98 version of "Levee Program Monitoring and Research" to refine the scope of Levee Program monitoring and research. Kent Nelson suggested that more information was needed on the ERP/Levee Program nexus. Chris Neudeck suggested that we include an item that would incorporate DWR inspections for AB360, etc. i.e. "Monitoring levee reconstruction and maintenance for compliance with PL84-99."

There was much discussion on the need for coordination between GIS systems and the need for a standardized datum in the Delta. It was mentioned that DWR Central District has a GIS based on 7-1/2 maps- Chris Neudeck suggested that we bring this into a refined format. It was suggested that "Maintain a common and integrated datum in the Delta" be added to the "Levee Program Monitoring and Research" list or "Establish and utilize a common coordinate system for the Sac/SJ delta meeting minimum control standards."

It was suggested that locals need to be made to tie-in to the system. It was noted that it will be difficult to motivate local tie-in given the great expense and resource demand. It was suggested that funding somehow be obtained. It was requested that CALFED staff elevate this issue to management as it is an important area for success of monitoring as well as many other CALFED activities. Marti Ikehara mentioned that the group she is affiliated with is preparing an estimate of how much it would cost to maintain the 110 control points her group has set out on a three year (1/3 per year) maintenance cycle. It was suggested that an issue paper be prepared for presentation to CALFED upper management.

Kent Nelson reviewed his environmental monitoring and enhancement sections. He noted that his section had buy-in from the Region II DFG office (Ed Littrel who administers AB360). It was discussed that enhancement should be addressed by ecosystem groups. Gwen Knittweis suggested that as better levee/ecosystem integration is a goal of the levee program, there should be a way to measure progress towards this goal rather than the quality of the habitat itself. It was suggested that under the "SUMMARY STATUS OF CMARP TASKS" Task 3, Subtask 3B, Element 1 there should be mention of how ERP and the levees coordinate. Some mentioned that this might appropriately fall under 1L "Fluvial geomorphology and riparian issues." The group will review the sections on environmental monitoring prepared by Kent Nelson and give comment. Gwen Knittweis will verify with the CMARP steering committee that one of the ecosystem monitoring groups will cover monitoring for levee habitat quality and enhancement.

Chris Neudeck presented his section on horizontal and vertical control. There were a few minor edits. There was discussion on the use of LIDAR for surveys. Rob Kayen suggested that the cost was relatively inexpensive.

Michael Ramsbotham presented his section on subsidence monitoring. It was generally accepted with a few minor edits. There was some discussion on distinguishing between the effects of settlement and subsidence.

DWR's Central District needs to provide the write-up on levee cross section compliance.

There was discussion on the adequacy of the Seismic write-up to fully characterize the concerns. Rob Kayen suggested that data be compiled to better assess Delta soil characteristics. It was discussed that one problem is that many soil borings are at the toe of the levee and we need to capture the character of the levees themselves. Mike Driller's group will provide a revised seismic write-up.

Task Summary:

- The group will review the sections on environmental monitoring prepared by Kent Nelson and give comment.
- DWR's Central District to provide the write-up on levee cross section compliance.
- Mike Driller's group to provide a revised seismic write-up.
- Gwen Knittweis will verify that one of the ecosystem monitoring groups will cover monitoring for levee habitat quality.
- CALFED staff to discuss the need to establish a uniform control datum in the Delta with CALFED management and consider preparing an issue paper for elevation.

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